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Was the average combined circulation of the morning papers in Edmonton for the week ending Dec. 15, 1917, 20,584. This is an increase of 1,000 over the average for the week ending Dec. 8, 1917.

Germany to Steal Election

Huns Losing Heavily in Efforts to Break Through Italian Lines

By Throwing Great Numbers of Men Into Fray Huns Have Advanced Line to Dominating Point—Stopped Here by Heroic Defense of the Italians—Germans Repulsed in Attack in the Champagne Region of France—British Capture Prisoners in Raid

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Notwithstanding the terrible losses they have sustained, the German and Austro-Hungarian armies in the mountainous region of Northern Italy, continue their efforts to break the Italian line and open a passageway to the plains below. In France and Belgium there is little military activity, except for small engagements by outposts and raiding contingents and artillery duels. The nearest approach to attacks in force were made by the Germans Saturday night in the Champagne region of France and to the north of the Chemin des Dames. The British captured a few German prisoners and a machine gun near Cambrai.

East of Brest the Germans have been able, by throwing great numbers of men into the fray and seemingly disregarding the enormous casualties that are being inflicted upon them, to advance his line. Captain ... dominating point which leads to the Verdun plateau. Here, however, he has been forced to stop under the terrific defense of the Italians, who recently have named their forces in order to bar the way to a further advance.

\$100,000 SUIT BEGUN AGAINST GEN. MEWBURN

Arises Out of Raid by Police on Liberal Newspaper at Hamilton

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 16.—(Geners of the front, the Liberal daily Dominion Publishing, has instituted legal proceedings against General Meuburn and the Hamilton police authorities, claiming \$100,000 for preventing the printing of yesterday morning's issue which was finally given to the press at midnight. The Gen. insists were finally given to the press to print the paper, and it went to press at 2 o'clock.

The article objected to, it is said, consisted of a column or more giving reasons why conscription should be defeated and also a sen and his school with the words "Every Cross Marked on the Roll of the Honourable Woodrow Wilson."

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NO MORE CONSCRIPTION IS NOW GOVERNMENT POLICY

Advertisement Appearing in Government Paper Promises That Conscription of Hundred Thousand Men Exhausts the Government's "Win the War" Program.

The Lacombe Globe publishes an advertisement stating: "As half a million is all the Government agreed to furnish for the war, and this hundred thousand of the first class will make up the half million, there will be no second call for men in Canada, and the country will now make special efforts in the direction of food production."

Either the Government are paying for this advertisement or some one is trying to make it appear that the Government are doing so. In either event the significance is the same. The appeal is not for support for conscription, but for support on the promise that there will not be any more conscription. "The last man" policy has shrunk to a pledge to conscript one hundred thousand men and then "quit the war."

As The Soldier Sees It

V. A. Burgess, a returned soldier of the 1st Battalion, has the following to say regarding the treatment of the returned soldier, in a letter to the London (Ont.) Advertiser.

"I know personally have been discharged from the army in no condition to work with a salary \$5 a month pension. The people of London will remember me under some time, but I am not a beggar. That's the noble sum he got, and there are dozens of others the same."

A statement by some Bureau official in the Labor Gazette revealed that it took \$15 a week to keep a man and family of five, not including clothes. Yet they turn around and give a soldier that, according to the medical boards, is totally disabled, \$40 a month, no matter how large his family might be.

Why don't they like the men up when they land and show them to the medical boards? Why don't they send them home to practically starve them. And why don't they start sending some of the thousands of bread soldiers who have been working around the camps ever since the war started and who have no intention whatever of going to France again, to the medical boards?

Enough for an Army. There are enough to make a big army here and in England. It is true when it is said that half of the Canadian army are merely spectators to this war.

There are two sides to the election, and we look at both. We are out with the war, and we are going to do it, but let the country see that the men who have gone and come back are treated as they should be and are given the financial help to be able to live as well as they did before this war made them cringing for life.

SCORES OF ELECTORS CALLED AWAY FROM DISTRICTS ON ELECTION DAY

Today there are in the city of Edmonton scores of electors who have been called away from their electoral districts for examination under the Military Service Act. They are absent from their homes and will lose their votes. Those from East Edmonton or West Edmonton will be able to swear in their votes, but those from Victoria and Havelock House cannot do so. A case in point is that of G. Holt, Wilfred Holt, Jess Myers and others who have been called away from their homes and will lose their votes.

There are also here for the same purpose, they are stopping in the city, some under the King Edward Hotel while the New Survey party at the Sunningdale Hotel on 8th street. It is understood that there are some others placed in the same position. In a close election contest the votes thus lost may decide the result.

ENGINEERS MISSING. LONDON, Dec. 16.—Names of seventeen United States army engineers missing since November 20, were reported today to the war department by General Pershing.

5000 NOISE VESSELS LOST. LONDON, Dec. 16.—It is stated of eleven United States army engineers missing since November 20, were reported today to the war department by General Pershing.

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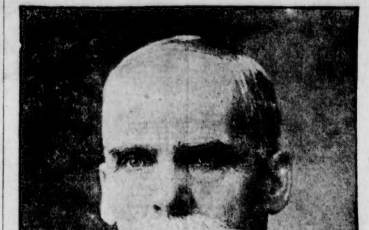
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\$10,000 GIFT OF EDMONTON TO HALIFAX

Pine Spirit of Sacrifice Manifested in Response to Appeal

Nearly \$10,000 was collected for the Pine Spirit fund for the purpose of the house-to-house and door-to-door campaign for the war effort. A number of donations have been received from the public. The money has been placed in a special fund for the purpose of the house-to-house and door-to-door campaign for the war effort.

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VOTING CERTIFICATES ARE ISSUED WHOLESALE IN BLANK

The startling discovery was made Saturday morning that enumerators in East Edmonton District were issuing voting certificates in blank. One of these certificates has come to the hands of the Liberal committee, and is as follows:

FORM W-1.
This is to certify that is a qualified elector of the Electoral District of and that he is entitled to vote in the Polling Division No. in said Electoral District at the pending Dominion election on this day of 191.....

ANNA CAMPBELL, Enumerator of said Polling Division. (The signature is in hand-writing)

The effect of the certificate is to enable the holder to vote in any poll he pleases. One man holding a bunch of these certificates may vote as often as he likes. He may be sworn on the demand of the scrutineer, but if he takes the oath he cannot be prevented from voting.

Liberal scrutineers are advised to swear all persons attempting to vote on an enumerator's certificate.

The Liberal committee has full information from an "inside" source as to the amazing extent of the plot to steal the election, and developments of an astounding nature may be expected either this evening or on election day.

The city and provincial police have been notified of the plot.

In connection with the foregoing, the Liberal committee rooms were informed that what purported to be a telegram from W. F. O'Connor, General Returning Officer, Ottawa, was available to the city and provincial police to the effect that persons holding such certificates were not to be sworn, although the act says specifically that they must be sworn as to their identity and as to whether they have previously voted in the election.

A copy of inquiry was sent to Returning Officer O'Connor at Ottawa, and the following reply was received:

Hon. Frank Oliver, Edmonton:

No enumerator is authorized to sign Form W-1 except after having examined applicant under oath and reduced examination to writing and signed it and determined upon the written examination whether applicant entitled to vote.

Further, no certificate in form 1 may lawfully be issued except on polling day.

Further, no such telegram as you mention has been sent me by any person, nor have I in any manner issued any instructions or given any opinion or ruling which in any manner whatever authorizes or attempts to authorize any deviation from specific provisions of section 62 of Dominion Election Act.

W. F. O'CONNOR, General Returning Officer.

Some deputy returning officers apparently misunderstand their rights and powers under sections 61 and 62, S.S. 4 of the act. Any candidate or his agent (scrutineer) may under section 61 require the deputy to administer the usual oath to any intending voter, no matter whether his name is on the list of voters or not. But under section 62, S.S. 4, an agent, in addition to swearing the voter, if he comes with a certificate from the enumerator and asks to have his name added, may make an oath himself in the form W-1 in the statute, saying that he does not believe the voter is entitled to vote, and in this latter case, the ballot is "tied up."

Bulletin's Election Returns Will Be Best In Edmonton Three Wires Carry Returns

Special arrangements which will be complete in all details are being made by The Bulletin to handle Federal election returns this evening.

News will be received from all over Canada by three telephone wires and this will be supplemented in the city by a specially installed city telephone service.

The results will be given to citizens by means of progressive extras and will also be displayed on a giant bulletin board in front of this office, and also on a large canvas with a stereopticon.

STATISTICS PROVE VALUE BLOCKADE

GENEVA, Dec. 16.—German and Austro-Hungarian newspapers frequently announce the failure of the allied blockade of central powers. The following statistics, which have been compiled by the British government, show an interesting comparison and lead to a conclusion that the blockade is not only effective but is also a source of strength to the allies.

The price of wheat in London is 10s. 6d. per bushel, while in Germany it is 12s. 6d. per bushel. The price of wheat in London is 10s. 6d. per bushel, while in Germany it is 12s. 6d. per bushel.

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ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED

Begin on Russian Front Today; Ends on January 14

HUN DEMANDS FOR TRANSFER REFUSED

"We Cannot Aid Militarism in Any Way," Says Trotsky

BERLIN, Jan. 16.—An armistice agreement between the Bolshevik government in Russia and the Entente allies was signed at Compiègne today in an official statement issued today. The text follows:

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LAST STEAMER DOWNBOUND NOW AT SOO

Expected Every Boat Will Reach Lake Huron Without Mishap

GAULTY STE. MARIE, Mich., Dec. 16.—As early as 7 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 16, the last steamer from Lake Superior has reached the Soo. It was considerably late, but it was expected to be there today to leave with the last of the wintering fish steamers were taken down today in good time.

"We are making excellent time, and we hope to get away from here in the afternoon," said Captain J. J. McLaughlin of the Fish Hawk, a steamer company today.

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HUNS ARE LOSING HEAD IN EFFORTS TO BREAK LINES

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repulse. Early in the afternoon the Huns made a desperate effort to break the lines. They were repulsed with heavy losses. The Huns were losing head in their efforts to break the lines.

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ENTENTE MAY APPROACH THE BOLSHEVIKI

Suggestion There May Be More Sympathetic Dealings With Party in Power

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202 OUT OF 235 SEATS FOUGHT IN ELECTION

Acclamation Number Now 27 for Liberals and 12 for Unionists

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.—With deferred elections in the Yukon, Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick, there will be elections tomorrow in 202 out of 235 constituencies.

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UNIDENTIFIED BODIES NUMBER 26 ON HALIFAX

Taking Advantage of Fair Weather Yesterday, Work of Repairing Hoses Proceeded

HALIFAX, N.S., Dec. 16.—The weather was fair and cold in Halifax today. The work of repairing the hoses damaged by the explosion was proceeding.

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MORALE OF THE SWARMERS' MOVS IS SPLENDID

Views of Col. House, Head of American Mission to Allied Countries

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—What the American mission to the Allied countries was doing in the Balkans was the subject of a statement made today by Col. E. M. House, head of the mission.

Col. House said that the morale of the "swarmers" was splendid.

EVIDENCE GIVEN BY PILOT AT MARINE INQUIRY INTO THE HALIFAX DISASTER

HALIFAX, N.S., Dec. 16.—In the marine inquiry into the Halifax disaster, evidence was given today by a pilot who was on the ship when it was hit.

The pilot gave evidence that the ship was hit by a bomb.

BRITISH REPET ATTACK

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PRISONERS CAPTURED

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SAFELY ACROSS

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TRIDUAL DISMISSED

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\$100,000 WAGER LAURIER WILL BE NEW PREMIER

WINNIPEG Grain Men Confident from Western Reports He Will Be Vindicated

ATTITUDE OF SIR WILFRID ON WAR

Extract from speech delivered by Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Quebec city on Nov. 9, 1917:

"My compatriots, men and women, the war is still going on. France is still fighting. Britain is still fighting. The war is still going on."

CLOTHING FACTORY DESTROYED, ST. JOHN

ST. JOHN, N.B., Dec. 17.—A fire in the clothing factory at St. John, N.B., destroyed the factory. The clothing factory at St. John, N.B., destroyed the factory.

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SASK. LEGISLATURE PASSED 79 MEASURES

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POSED AS OFFICER AUSTRALIAN ARMY

Capt. Dugan Spy, Adventurer, Alleged German Spy, Held in New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—A charge of espionage against a man who posed as an officer in the Australian army has been made in New York.

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WON THE 24-HOUR INDOOR CYCLE RACE

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What He Has He Holds.

J. W. Allison has not given back the money yet, and never will if the men who let him steal it are returned to power.

Its Measure.

The Winnipeg Telegram expresses a hope that the new Government "may prove as loyal as patriotic, as enterprising, as energetic, as efficient in the discharge of its vital duties, as its predecessor." Even the rapidly accumulating evidence of their intentions to wipe out the Government, it seems to be the fear of the public that is just about what the new Government would be.

The Supply Shift Off.

General McArthur, Minister of Militia, says a 5th Canadian division has not been put in the field for lack of men. There have not been no lack of men if the Government had not extinguished voluntary enlistment without substituting some other means of keeping up the stream of recruits. If there is a shortage of reinforcements for the fighting line it is because recruiting in Canada has been paralyzed for six months.

Shares in Blame.

Men who failed to register under the Military Service Act or to apply for exemption are liable to be rounded up by the police and punished by the courts. It is unfortunate that the share of the responsibility should not be inflicted upon those newspapers and speakers who have induced the young men to refuse to report—by helping to insult upon them and assuring them that in return for serving their country they will be the target for contemptuous criticism for not having volunteered long ago.

The Difference.

Lord Northcliffe refused a position in the British Government in order that he might be free to criticize, through his newspapers, the policy and administration of the Government. In Great Britain criticism of the Government is accepted as a legitimate function of the press, and a condition necessary to the proper management of public affairs. In Canada, however, the Government is treated as gratuitous intermeddling on the part of the public with what is none of their business.

The Police Inquiry.

The city police commissioners were presented with a report of investigation into the allegations of the Social Service League regarding the police force. The refusal of the League officials to present their evidence except in private. The reporters and the public being excluded. The officials of the League put in a statement under promise of secrecy. This statement the commissioners have to consider. It is entirely, of repetitions of rumors, reports and suspicions, without supporting evidence. The officials having therefore presented what they had to present, and having having nothing to say, they are not to be permitted to stand still, so far as they are concerned. But the attitude of the police force, which concerns not only the Social Service League but the taxpayer and the citizen at large. The police commission is still doing business, and is, as always, ready to hear and investigate complaints as to the conduct of the police force. It is to be hoped, for the sake of maintaining the reputation and therefore the efficiency of the force, that citizens who have complaints based on facts will then have no hesitations in coming forward and thus make possible their investigation and whatever action may be called for.

Shouting to Divert Attention.

"Nothing matters that we win the war" is true as expressing the overwhelming importance of the struggle. But that does not mean that nothing matters toward the winning of the war save the cooperation of all the men of the nation. Mr. R. B. Bennett, director of the National Service, reminded his Edmonton audience a year ago that it would be useless to "win the war and lose the country." Canada can neither combat nor part in the war unless it emerges from the war in condition to make speedy recovery, unless measures are taken to conserve and develop the nation's strength along the line of productive enterprise. Food for the Allied armies is no less necessary than for our fighting men, and as the situation stands the future supply of fighting men is being assured than the food supply. The cry that we can "win the war" by conscripting 100,000 men is humbug; and is raised to divert attention from the fact that the Government is doing nothing, and doesn't propose to do anything, in other directions.

Who Withholds Punishment?

If, as Government papers all agree—quite truthfully—Mr. Bourgeois is a traitor, why is he not in jail?

LEGAL INQUIRIES

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THE MODERN DAVID AND GOLIATH

LAURIER AIDED NO MORE CONSCRIPTION IS EFFORTS TO GET MEN IN QUEBEC

Speech at Somher Park Alone Brought Nearly 5,000 Men to Colors

Montreal, Dec. 15.—(Herald.)—Mr. Laurier delivered a speech at Somher Park, Montreal, last night that the Bulletin announced had convinced the French Canadian people that the Government was not going to force them to fight in the war.

The speech was delivered at a time when the Government was trying to get men in Quebec to join the army. The speech was a success, and brought nearly 5,000 men to colors.

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DECLARATION FOR GEN. CURRIE.
London, Dec. 15.—In recognition of his great services in the capture of "vaschenbachs" ridges, General Sir Arthur Currie has been decorated on the battlefield by King Albert of Belgium with the highest Belgian military honor.

CUBA AGAINST AUSTRIAN
HAVANA, Dec. 15.—The senate afternoon unanimously adopted a resolution declaring that a state of war exists between Cuba and Austria-Hungary. The resolution was the one first passed by the house on Tuesday.

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